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comprising:

15 in claim 1 wherein said air bag comprises at least
one panel to form a specific shape.

4. A frontal air bag system as set forth in claim 1 including a diffuser attached to said inflator and said air bag.

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5. A frontal air bag system as set forth in claim 4 wherein said diffuser is a hollow tube having a plurality of apertures at least partially disposed within said air bag.

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6. A frontal air bag system as set forth in claim 1 wherein said inflator is remotely located on the vehicle structure from the pillar.

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7. A frontal air bag system as set forth in claim 6 including a diffuser connected to said inflator and extending along the pillar to said air bag.

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8. A frontal air bag system as set forth in claim 1 wherein said air bag is mounted to the pillar on a driver side of the vehicle.

9. A frontal air bag system as set forth in claim 1 wherein said air bag is mounted to the pillar on a passenger side of the vehicle.

10. A frontal air bag system as set forth in claim 1 wherein said air bag is either one of a generally rectangular, circular, and spherical shape.

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11. A frontal air bag system as set forth in claim 1 wherein said air bag is of a general shape.

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~~12. A frontal air bag system for a vehicle comprising:~~

~~an inflator mounted to vehicle structure;~~

~~a diffuser connected to said inflator and extending along a pillar of the vehicle;~~

10 ~~an air bag operatively connected to either one of said diffuser and inflator and mounted to the pillar; and~~

~~a trim molding covering said air bag and mounted to the pillar, wherein said air bag is~~
15 ~~inflated by said inflator via said diffuser to extend downward and sideways in front of an occupant seated in the vehicle.~~

13. A frontal air bag system as set forth
20 in claim 12 wherein said air bag is mounted to the pillar on a driver side of the vehicle.

14. A frontal air bag system as set forth
in claim 12 wherein said air bag is mounted to the
25 pillar on a passenger side of the vehicle.

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15. A frontal air bag system as set forth in claim 12 wherein said air bag is of a general shape.

5 16. A frontal air bag system as set forth in claim 12 wherein said air bag is either one of a generally circular, rectangular and spherical shape.

10 17. A frontal air bag system as set forth in claim 12 wherein said air bag comprises at least one panel to form a specific shape.

15 18. A frontal air bag system as set forth in claim 17 wherein said air bag includes a neck portion connected to said at least one panel.

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20 19. A frontal air bag system as set forth in claim 18 wherein said neck portion is operatively connected to either one of said diffuser and said inflator.

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25 20. A frontal air bag system for a vehicle comprising:

an inflator remotely mounted to vehicle

structure;

~~a diffuser connected to said inflator and~~

an air bag having at least one panel and a neck portion connected to said at least one panel,

a trim molding covering said air bag and
mounted to the pillar, wherein said air bag is

inflated by said inflator via said diffuser to extend downward and sideways in front of an occupant seated

~~in the vehicle.~~

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